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Applicants: Andrew G. Plaut et al. Art Unit: 1645  
Serial No.: 10/021,952 Examiner: J. Hines  
Filed: December 13, 2001 Customer No.: 21559  
Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR PROTEOLYTICALLY  
INACTIVATING INFECTIOUS AGENTS USING LACTOFERRIN  
AND RELATED MOLECULES

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DECLARATION OF KAREN L. ELBING, Ph.D.

I, Karen L. Elbing, declare as follows:

I am a partner in the law firm of Clark & Elbing LLP and an attorney of record in the above-captioned case.

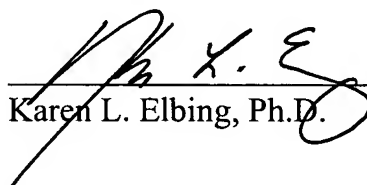
I first became aware of the abandonment of the above-captioned application on March 5, 2004, upon receipt of a Notice of Abandonment. I submit that the accompanying petition to withdraw the Notice is being promptly submitted as required by MPEP 711.03(c)(I).

Upon receiving the Notice of Abandonment, I reviewed the file but found no Office Action. In addition, I reviewed the records in our CPI patent docketing system; it revealed no record of an Office Action ever having been received by our office. Attached for verification are the records from our CPI patent docketing system.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 17 March 2004

  
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